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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

RIEPING et al.

Group Art Unit: 1645

Appln. No.: 09/963,668

Examiner: Unknown

Filed: Sept 27, 2001

Title: Fermentaiton Process for the Preparation of L-Amino Acids Using Strains of the Family
Enterobacteriaceae

June 21, 2002

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attached are a PTO-1449 Form listing documents first cited in an International Search Report and copies of said documents. See that communication for information on each document. In addition, attached are a copy of an abstract of RIVOLTA and a copy of an abstract of BLOMFIELD, which the Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention.

Should a first Office Action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this Information Disclosure Statement is filed, please accept this Information Disclosure Statement under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975, under Order No. 21123/283665 and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,
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